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Applicant: Miller, et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/682,877 : Art Unit: 3677  
Filed: October 26, 2001 : Examiner: Lugo, Carlos  
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\_\_\_ is attached.  
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

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OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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- (c)
- ☒
- No additional fee for Claims is required.

**OR**

- (d) \_\_\_ Total additional fee for claims required \$

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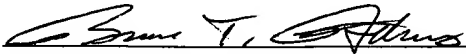
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## AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

AI

A latch assembly for a door including a door retainer projection is provided. The latch assembly includes a handle pivotally mounted to the door for rotation about a first end, and a latch actuator contacting said handle and mounted to the door for rotation about a first end. The handle rotates in one direction when actuated and the latch actuator rotates in a second direction opposite the first direction. A keeper is engaged to the door retainer projection in a closed position, and the latch actuator is configured to disengage the keeper from the door retainer projection when the handle is actuated.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 18 with the following paragraph: